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WHO WILL BE MISS POPULARITY OF BIG ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL?

Candidates are:

5th Grade

Ann Massie
Nancy Wilson
Becky Dawson

10th Grade

Marjorie Seay
Alice Burks
Eraly Branch

9th Grade

Judy Arrington
Jane Dawson
Joyce Farley

11th Grade

Ann Tomlinson
Betty St. John
Brenda Ross

12th Grade

Gladys Tomlin
Edna Coffey
Mary Mundy

The finals for the Miss Popularity contest will be held Friday night at 7:30 P.M. at the special meeting of the P. T. A.

A penny will buy one vote for each contestant. The proceeds from this contest and also from the rummage sale, which will be held in connection with this meeting, will go to the support of the P. T. A.

Everyone is urged to attend this meeting.

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SPELLING BEE

Nancy Blankenship and Phyllis Beard, winners of the Big Island Spelling Bee, went to Bedford on March 11 to participate in the County Spelling Bee.

NATIONAL BETA CLUB

The members of the Beta Club of Big Island High School are excited about going to the State Convention at Richmond, Virginia, which will be held on March 20-21.

The following members are going to attend the convention: Ann Tolikson, Danny Mason, Neil Casto, Franklin Reynolds, Earl Cheatham, Kaye Hensley, Edna Coffey, Mary Mundy, Gladys Tomlin, Mr. Oglesby and our sponsor Mr. Braswell

By: Robert Cheatham

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SCIENCE CONFERENCE

Four members of the High School science class attended the Science Conference at the University of Virginia, Saturday, February 14. The conference was built in two sessions—one for teachers and one for students. The program included lectures by speakers in outstanding science fields. A tour of part of the University campus was in the program. After the conference the group made a trip to Monticello and Ash Lawn former homes of Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe. The group was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Emerson, who attended the teacher's conference. The students who made the trip were Judy Arrington, Jane Dawson, Joyce Farley, and Sandra Wood.

By: Sandra Wood



S. C. A. FORUM

On Sagurday, February 21, Mike Brown, Jimmy Downey, Frank Bechmann, and Danny Mason attended the Virginia High School Forum at John Marshall High School in Richmond, Virginia. Mrs. Parks took the group to Richmond.

The forum consisted of exchange students from foreign countries all over the world who are now going to school in Virginia. The countries represented were Austria, Brazil, Crete, Dermark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Mexico, Norway, Netherlands, Sweden and Thailand.

The program consisted of two panel discussions, a press conference and a talk by an exchange teacher. Variety was added to the program by many different forms of entertainment which included songs and dances from many different countries. I enjoyed the entertainment and thought that it was very interesting and unusual.

The first panel discussion was on the subject, "Social Customs and Habits Differ." This panel explained how social customs and habits differ in many countries around the world. The second panel discussion was on the subject, "We Need Better Understanding." This panel explained some of the many things that people in countries around the world can do to create a better understanding among themselves. We then heard a press conference which was under the direction of Mr. John M. Calhoun, Managing Editor of the Richmond Times - Dispatch. Questions were turned on by editors of school papers from schools throughout Virginia. The fourth and final part of the program was a talk by Johannes Pastoor, an exchange teacher from Netherlands. His subject was "A Netherlands Teacher in America." He contrasted the behavior in Netherlands schools with that of the students in American schools.

I enjoyed the trip very much and thought that it was very interesting as well as very educational.

By: Danny Mason

SCIENCE FAIR

On Monday evening, March 9, following the P.T.A. Meeting there was a Science Fair.

Exhibits were from each elementary grade, 8th grade, and Biology class.

The exhibits were examined by the P.T.A. The best ones were chosen to be sent to Bedford to the Science Fair, to be judged there.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the best projects.

By: Mickey Douglas

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F. H. A.

The Future Homemakers of Big Island High held their monthly meeting in the Home Economics room with President Mary B. Mundy presiding. We were lead in devotions by Jeannette Rice and Mary. The secretary called the roll and read the minutes. Business was about our candy sale and F. H. A. project. A Spring Dance is planned in April. The program was devoted to degrees.

By: Sandra Wood

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A SECOND GRADER

The young personality of this month is a little girl in the second grade. She has brown hair and blue eyes and is eight years old. She has a well-rounded personality and her teacher is Mrs. David Mitchell. She is none other than Laura Sligh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sligh, of Waugh.

"Spelling is my favorite subject," replied Laura, "and my favorite hobby is making doll clothes," of course, her favorite sport is "Playing ball."

When asked what she liked most about school, she answered, "recess time", and what is your favorite food? "Oh, I like chicken and I hate boiled eggs." Do you have a favorite T.V. program? Yes, Zorro."

What do you want to be when you grow up? Laura's reply was "I just want to be a plain nurse."

--Myrtle Tolley

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EDITORIAL

*from
 our
 Principals
 Pen*

In view of the fact that many of the students are aware of the fact that in the last meeting of the Virginia General Assembly, the compulsory attendance law was repealed, I think it would be wise for us to stop and give it careful consideration. Actually the law which was repealed was that law which made it mandatory for students to attend school until they reached the age of sixteen.

In recent weeks a number of students have decided to quit school now that they are not forced to come. This decision in a number of cases could easily be the biggest mistake that the boy or girl will make in their lifetime. They do not realize that for all other phases of life, an education is the greatest asset that a person can acquire.

We may also look at this mistake from another angle. We have attended four of our six weeks periods in this session.

This means that if you stop now it is

definite that if you have to return to school next year, you will have to return in the same grade that you are now in. I might bring out that the chances of you having to return next year or even before this term is out are highly possible and probable. Some localities in our state have already enacted legislation requiring students to attend school. I feel that the state will enact a law which will again require you to attend school very soon. It seems to me a very foolish idea indeed to throw away two-thirds of a years work in order to quit school and have nothing to do for a short while. I ask each student to think long and think hard before you make the biggest mistake of your life.

--Willis P. Oglesby

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"BUT...I MUST HAVE A DRINK OF WATER"

How many times have we heard that old familiar line from our teachers--"When the bell rings you are supposed to report to your homeroom or to your next class"?

"But," is the same old reply, "I must have a drink of water." So, onward to the water fountain march the students.

The water fountain in our schools serves many purposes. First, it is used as a meeting place for some of the guys and gals. They, unconsciously, get their sip of water and begin their chat of the hour which causes them to be late for their next class.

When you have a secret to tell and are looking for that certain friend, he or she can most likely be found at the fountain.

Then there are the times when you must get out of class just for a few moments. So, you ask to get some water.

The teacher begins her sermon with the opening line, "No, you can't get out of class. You go to the water fountain after each period."

"But, I must have a drink of water!"

Though the fountains are strictly for the youth, let's be kind to our teachers and leave the fountains vacant for them once in a while. Meantime, get to class on time!

--Ann Tomlinson

HAPPY EASTER from all the staff.



OUR GREATEST MOMENT

Talent! Talent! Talent! was the cry on the lips of everyone last week. Friday, March 6, at 7:30 P.M., in the high school auditorium. All of the talent in Big Island gathered to perform. The purpose was to raise money for the Senior class.

There were entries from all grades, first through eleventh. All were very interesting and also very talented.

I am sure it was very hard for the judges: Mrs. Hidemann, Mrs. Weedle, Mrs. Routon, to pick a winner. After a long, suspenseful wait the decision was announced. Third place went to Barbara Yoder, a recitation; second place, Bobby Harris, sols, accompanied by Bud Burks; and first place, Amber Burch, Terry Yoder, Mary Tomlinson and Patsy Tolley, singing. Honorable mentions went to three different acts: Betty Byers, her introduction; Mickey Douglas, Truly Branch, and Susie Branch, a pantomime; Becky Dawson, Carol Hart, Ann Massie, Sandra Snead, and Randal Wilson, eighth grade skit.

The Senior Class wishes to express their thanks to everyone who helped make the show a success.

--Patsy Feagans



The Bedford Lions Club Minstrel will be held Friday and Saturday nights March 13 and 14 at 8:00 P. M. in the Bedford High School auditorium.

Mr. Brent Braswell will appear as a black-faced custonian who drives the audience wild with his jokes.

Admission is twenty-five and fifty cents, so let's go to see this wonderful performance.

By: Gladys Tomlin

He: I make my living by my wits.

She: Well, half a living is better than none.



SNOOPER

Well, fellow students.....here I am again—the old snooper snoops away!

Corretta, where did you and Kenneth vanish to the other night? You weren't inspecting trucks, were you?

Oh, Emma, where did you get that ring you're now sporting around? I hear it's Earl's. How about this, Earl?

Patsy Feagans, did I hear you tell "Romeo" to please be quiet by any chance, out at Big Boy's one night?

Wray, do you like hot dogs? The ones Lawless fixed? Lawless do you and Brenda by any chance like milk? You must, because you three seem to like to talk about them.

Ronnie Martin, I hear the seat on your car is broken. Seems like the seventh graders and Juniors would know about this.

How fast will the car go, Mary? Does it bring back memories while you ride in it?

Gladys, how do you like riding in a sports car with a special person? It's nice, I know.

Susie, I hear you can chew nails.....
.....let's see.

I'm sure glad to see we have true hearts around here.....
Congratulations, Eleanor.

Well, so long, you gossip lovers.....
.....See you soon.

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Can You Imagine?????

Mr. Braswell not telling jokes?

Sandra Wood not studying?

Earl Cheatham not dating Emma Berger?

The Seniors not dreaming of their New York trip?

Gladys Tomlin not having rides to and from school?

Shirley Turpin not riding in a "White Thunderbird"?

Dot Seay without Ronnie Ross?

Opal Goff joining the Waacs?

Ronnie Day being at school by 9:00?

The High School without teachers?

The office without Sylvia?

LOOKER

SPECIAL EVENTS

MARCH, 1959

- 13 - 7:30 P.M. - Miss Popularity Contest - High School Gym.
- 14 - 7:30 P.M. - High School Dance
- 16 - 2:00 P.M. - S.E. Assembly - Cartoonist
- 17 - All Day - St. Patrick's Day
- 19 - - Glee Club
- 20 - - Beta Club Convention, Richmond, Va.
- 21 - 7:30 P.M. - High School Dance
- 25 - 7:30 P.M. - 4-H Club Dance
- 26 - - Glee Club
- 27) - EASTER HOLIDAYS! Seniors go to New York.
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APRIL, 1959

- 8 - 2:00 P.M. - S.E. Assembly - Indian Lore Songs, Dances and Stories.
- 9 - 7:30 P.M. - P.T.A. (instead of April 13)
- 10 - 7:30 P.M. - F.H.A. Dance
- 24 - 7:30 P.M. - S.C.A. King & Queen Dance

BASEBALL

Baseball practice begins Monday, March 16, 1959

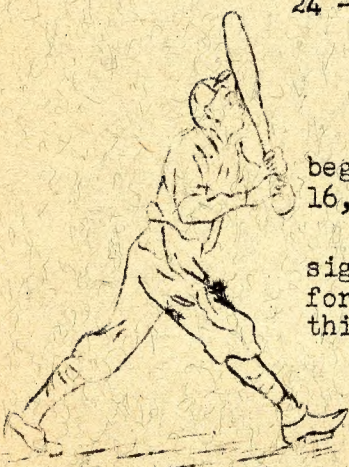
Twenty students have signed up to try out for the baseball team this year.

game can be over before the sun gets bad. I also think the team didn't get enough practice last year, due to rain and bad weather, and other difficulties.

Well, so much for last year's team. This year I think Big Island will have an ace team. About everyone going out for the team has played on the high school team, on the summer team before. I think there is good material and talent for the coach to work with. I think Big Island will be strong in everything this year, hitting, fielding, running, and pitching. All the boys seem anxious to start playing. The diamond will be in better condition this year than ever before, and you need a good diamond to play good baseball. I think Big Island will win all of their games and go on to win the conference play-offs.

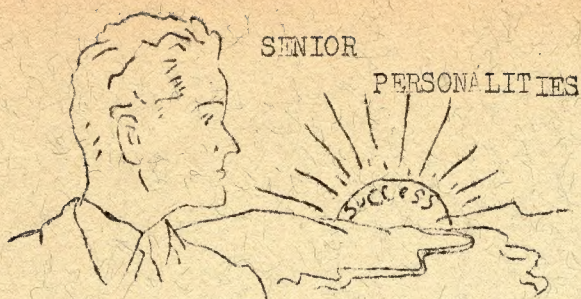
CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Franklin Reynolds for being chosen to the first team of the county's All Stars' in basketball after a sensational season for his school team. He and Ann Tomlinson are also the winners of the rebound race.



Well, I guess by now everyone knows baseball time is about here. You can tell by the gloves and baseballs you see around the school. Also, by the work the high school boys have done on the ball diamond.

Last year Big Island didn't have the best team, but they had a fair one. The team was low on hitting, and it takes hits to win a game. I think one bad thing against the team when playing at home is the sun. About the middle of the game the sun is shining right in the players eyes. It seems the time for the game should be set up, so the



The girl appearing in the Senior Personality this month is Dorothy Ann Seay. She is 5'7" and has blonde hair. Dot is liked by everyone, and is cooperative in all ways.

Dot is a member of the Beta Club, Co-Captain of the Girls' Basketball Team, Safety Patrol, Islander Staff, and also the Senior Class Treasurer.

Whenever you see Dot out, she is always with Ronnie. Dot loves to dance and is very active in all sports. She loves all foods, but I think doughnuts are her favorite.

Dot plans to join the WACS when she finishes school; but whatever she does, we know she will be successful. Best of luck to a fine girl.

--Shirley Turpin

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The other Senior Personality is none other than Vernon Wray Tomlinson, Jr. Wray is noted for being neat and well groomed. He's 6 ft. $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches tall, with brown hair and brown eyes, and a very friendly smile. He is a member of the Glee Club, the President of Allied Youth and Boys' Club, and is Co-treasurer of his class and the Circulation manager of the Telleorium. He also drives Bus No. 8.

His favorite movie stars are Kim Novak and Robert Mitchum.

His favorite foods are steaks and pie. Wray's hobby is automobiles.

Wray is thinking about going to college, but is not sure of which one. We know that he will be a success in any field he undertakes, so we're wishing him the best of luck with his future.

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--Dorothy Seay

Boss to Secretary: I must call my wife. Send my daughter a telegram to get off the phone.

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Vacationist to druggist: Have you anything that is good for mosquito bites on poison ivy over sunburn?

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Mrs. John Trevey opened the regular meeting of the Big Island PTA meeting, March 9 with a request that Mr. Paul Emerson open the meeting with a devotional. Mr. Emerson gave an inspirational talk on the Easter Season.

The slate of officers was presented by the chairman of the nominations chairman and the following were unanimously elected:

Mrs. Jacob Yoder, President.

Mr. Willis P. Oglesby, 1st. Vice President.

Mrs. Harry Downey, 2nd. Vice President.

Mrs. Dan Mason, Secretary.

Mrs. Henry Douglas, Treasurer.

Mrs. Yoder, the former Bernice Tanner, is an alumna of Big Island High School, and a graduate of the Hagustown, Md. School of Library Science; she also worked as librarian in the Hagustown Library. She also served on the Library Board. Since her marriage Mr. and Mrs. Yoder have three daughters in Elementary School.

Mr. Oglesby, our principal, is the 1st. Vice President. Mrs. Harry Downey, 4th Grade Teacher, alumna of Big Island and of Harrisonburg State Teachers College, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Sylvia Downey Mason, also an alumna of Big High School and school secretary was re-elected secretary. Mrs. Mason is the wife of Dan Mason, who has assisted the school in many ways with volunteer recreation programs for the younger boys of the community; Mrs. Henry Douglas was elected treasurer, she is also an alumna of Big Island High School, and is the mother of Mary Elizabeth and William B. Douglas of this school.

Mrs. Rosa Lewis Schenk, well known educationalist of Bedford Co. was guest speaker at the regular meeting of PTA, March 9, 1959. Mrs. Schenk introduced by Program Chairman, Mrs. J. P. Taylor, talked at length on "Teaching the Gifted Child," incorporating into her talk the necessary things which parents must do in rearing the child at home so that he may be emotionally as well as educationally able to attain at school.

--Mrs. Parks



JOKES



Franklin: I've learned how to do my homework in half the time it used to take me.

Wray: Really? What's the secret?

Franklin: I discovered that the dictionary is written in alphabetical order.

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Definition of an alarm clock: a mechanism designed to scare the daylights into you.

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During a recent downpour a well-known author looked out of his window and remarked: It's raining cats and dogs. I know, agreed his partner. I just stepped in a puddle.

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Mother: Who gave you that black eye?

Junior: No one. I had to fight for it.

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Baby porcupine (squinting at a cactus) is that you, Mama?

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Teacher: What is the name of a group of Islands in the Pacific belonging to the United States?

Johnny: Huh, Wa ah.

Teacher: Correct.

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Sharon: Why are you wearing my raincoat?

Karen: Well, you don't want your good dress to get wet, do you?

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Customer: I'd like some pillow cases.

Clerk: In what size, sir?

Customer: I'm not sure, but I wear a size seven hat.

Shirley: "My dear, those cakes of Dot's were as tough as iron."

Opal: "I know. That's why she said, take your pick."

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Teacher: Jimmy, where do your people come from?

Jimmy: The West of England.

Teacher: Wales?

Jimmy: No, human beings.

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"You can't come in here and ask for a raise just like that," said the boss, "You must work yourself up."

"But I did," replied the employee. "Look, I'm trembling all over."

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"I didn't forget your birthday, dear. I bought you this beautiful mink coat."

"But, darling, you promised me a new car! I know, precious, but I couldn't find any-one who's selling imitation autos."

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Hungry Customer: One roast beef sandwich.

Waiter: "Will you eat it here or take it with you?"

Hungry Customer: I hope to do both.

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Mr. Braswell: "Why haven't you studied your geography, Allen?"

Allen: "Well, I heard my father say the world is changing every day, so I thought I'd wait till it settles down."

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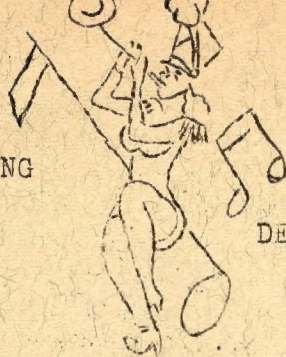
"Two," shouted the pint-sized umpire.

"Two what?" snarled the big catcher.

"Yeah, too what?" echoed the equally large batter.

"Too close to tell," replied the umpire.

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DEDICATIONS

Gladys to A. J. This Should Go On Forever
David to Nancy.....The Diary
Jane to Stuart.....It's Late
Janice to Eddie.....I Believe
Dot to Ronnie.....That's My Desire
Margaret to Jack.....Come Softly To Me
Martha to A. C.....It's Just A Matter
Of Time

Beatrice to John D.....Return to Me
Barbara C. to Jimmy S.....She Say
James to CarolAgain
Shirley to JoeIf I Didn't Care
Wayne to BonnieSearching
Truly to Bennie.....I'll Wait For You
John RobertI Go Ape
Betty B. to WayneYoung Love
Ronnie M. to PhylissHouse of Love
Judy to David.....There Must Be A Way
Steve to BarbaraMissing You
Earl to Emma....It's Only The Beginning
Larry to Jane.....I Love You So Much
Henry to Joyce...Taking A Chance On Love
Joe to Susie.....If I Had You
Patsy to Ronnie..Peek-A-Boo Watching You
Maebelle to JoeI'll Never Stop
Loving You

Richard to VioletWould you
Carlton to Rachel.....I Was Lucky
Carol to Dickie O.Young Love
Opal to Jim.....There'll Never Be Anyone
Else But You

Dianne Waugh, a second grader in Mrs. David Mitchell's room, has picked this joke as her favorite.

Each animal in the jungle whether he swims or flies, or trots, runs away from the leopard. Do you suppose it's because he has spots?

We are very glad to have "Ann Burks" back in school after a case of scarlet fever.

"TALL, DARK AND HANDSOME"

Monday, March 2, found quite a few of the high school girls slipping to the Freshman home room to have a "look-see" at the new boy. Who?

James Edward Swain, better known as Jimmy. Jimmy isn't really new here, but we hadn't seen him in about eight years; so naturally everyone was curious.

Seventeen year old Jimmy, who is a Freshman this year, has been living in Roanoke and attending school there for the past few years.

Changing schools also meant changing subjects. He is now taking English, Shop, World History, Algebra I, Health, and Phys. Ed. When asked his favorite subject, Jimmy answered, with a big smile, "Girls, of course." "Getting more serious, he said that he enjoyed Algebra.

Some more of Jimmy's favorites are as follows: Hobby-Coin Collecting, Sport-Tennis, with Football, Baseball, and Basketball running in a close second. Foods-Steak, tomatoes, apples, and lemon pie.

When asked for a comment on the school, he replied, "Pretty good place—I like the people."

Jimmy's future plans include going to Georgia Tech. and his ambition is to be an engineer.

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PLAY PRESENTED

The Freshmen presented an excellent program Monday morning, February 25, in observance of George Washington's birthday.

Pearl Goff opened the program with a short devotional period.

A play, "Without a Constitution," was presented.

Barbara Markham gave the welcome and introduced the cast of characters as follows: John Page, a newspaper publisher, Steve Wilson; Mrs. Page, his wife, Jane Dawson; Bill Page, an eighth grade boy; Wray Massie; Sally Page, his twin sister; Sandra Wood; Augustine K. Shrimpingheimer, Captain of Third Artillery, Frank Bechmann; Lt. Brown, aid to the Captain, Stuart Knight; Mrs. Shrimpingheimer, the Captain's wife, Emma Berger; Renelope Shrimpingheimer, Captain's daughter, Joyce Farley; minister, Neil Massie; five soldiers, Alan Spence, John Campbell, Junior Tolley, Ronnie Martin and Roger Boothe.

Ninth grade class sponsor, Mr. Brent Braswell, directed the play.

By: Eleanor Tomlin